

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action of March 23, 2007.

Claims 7-8 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over Adair. Claim 9 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Adair in view of Tsukamoto.

In response to the claim rejections, Applicant is submitting new claims to distinguish over the cited references. The new claims are directed towards embodiments in which the mobile device is operative to receive image signals from an external device and perform format conversion to convert the image signals into a format compatible for use by the mobile device. Claim 11 includes a limitation that the interface is operative to convert the format of image signals received from the external device into a format compatible for use by the mobile device. Claim 19 includes a similar limitation and further includes an explicit limitation regarding converting the format of image signals output from the mobile device into the image signal format of an external video device. Claim 23 includes the limitation that the mobile device is configured to receive video signals from an external video device and convert the received video signals into a format compatible for use by the mobile device for storage, display, or wireless transmission.

Dependent claims 13, 20, and 24 describe embodiments in which the external device is a video recording unit. Claims 14, 21, and 25 describe embodiments in which the external device is a television. These new dependent claims are supported by the original claims.

Support for the new independent claims is found throughout Applicant's specification. Figure 1 of Applicant's specification illustrates a two-way coupling between the display interface and the external devices 120 and 122 and also a two-way coupling between the display interface and the processing unit. Consequently, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the display interface performs format conversion for input signals received from an external device. Applicant's specification teaches that the display interface performs any necessary format conversion of signals going to and from the external device. Paragraph [0012] states that "the display interface is configured to format and route still and/or moving images . . . to and from . . . an external display 120 and an external storage unit 122. The display interface 102 configures the images/video for transport, storage, or display." Paragraph [0022] states that "The external display . . . receives and/or transmits image/video signals with the display interface." Paragraph

[0023] states that: "Moreover the external storage unit . . . can also receive or transmit image/video signals with the display interface." The specification also includes an embodiment in which images received from the external device are "displayed or wirelessly transmitted at the mobile device" as described in paragraph [0023].

It is respectfully submitted that the new claims are patentable over the cited art. The video processor board 50 of Adair does not receive signals from external video devices and does not perform format conversion of image signals received from external devices. This can be seen in Figure 6 of Adair, which illustrates a one-way flow of signals out to the remote video device. It is noted that Tsukamoto was cited by the Examiner only in regards to its teachings of RAM and ROM memories.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if there are any residual issues that can be resolved through a telephone call.

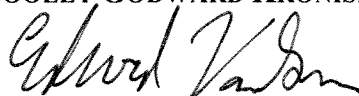
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